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...YOUR WRESTLING WOMEN, MR. MADD?

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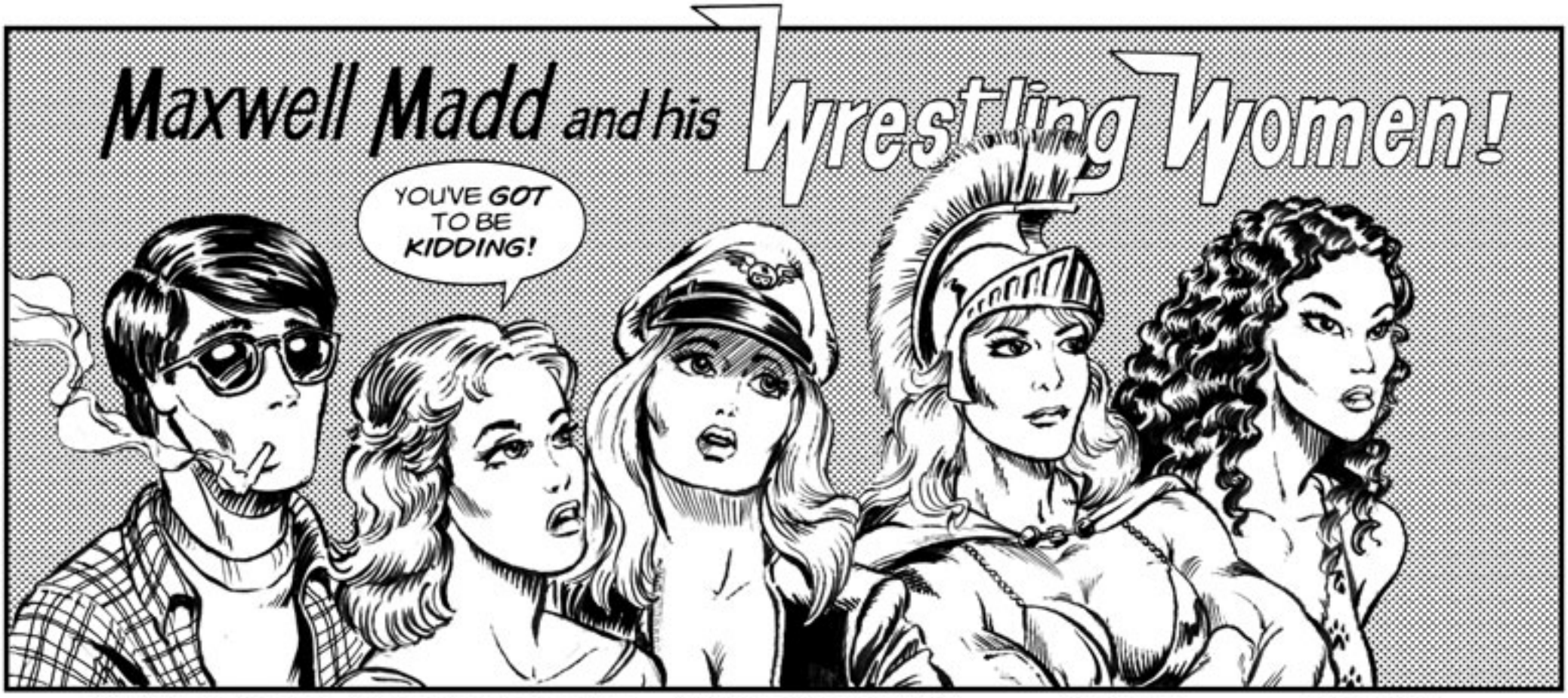

MAX (OF COURSE) PEGGY GREYSTEP BLONDE BOMBSHELL AMAZON LA PURDA

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

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WELL, I GUESS UNCLE EUGENE WAS TOO BUSY BEING RICH TO BOTHER WITH HOUSEKEEPING... LIKE I SAID, HE WAS A RECLUSE!
LOOK, I DID KNOW THE MAN, MAX. I JUST NEVER THOUGHT HIM THE SORT TO LIVE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS. HE ALWAYS SEEMED SO... SO ORGANIZED. FINICKY, ALMOST.
OKAY, OKAY! ONCE IT'S IN MY NAME I'LL HIRE YOU GIRLS AS MY HOUSEKEEPING AND RECREATION STAFF!
MAXWELL, HAST THOU FORGOTTEN THAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN THE WILL AS WELL? WE AMAZONS HAVE AN ADAGE... "NE'ER COUNT THY HORSESHOES 'TIL THEY BE ATTACHED!"

RENFREW HAS RETURNED, MASTER... AND AWAITS YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS!
THEN THE LAST HEIR OF MADD HAS FALLEN! ALL GOES AS PLANNED...
TONIGHT THE LAWYER COMES... AND THE HOUSE IS RETURNED TO DRACULA!!

ZOMBIES ARE INTERESTING CREATURES, LILITH... THEY CAN OPERATE DURING THE DAY, WHILE WE UNDEAD ARE... INDISPOSED.

AND THEY'RE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN KELLY GIRLS!

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY I DON'T USE THEM MORE FREQUENTLY!

AND DOES THAT SMOCK YOU WEAR MEAN THAT MADD IS DESTROYED?

NO, MASTER...

WHAT?!

MADD... SOLD ME... SMOCK. GOOD PRICE... TOD.

SUDDENLY MY MEMORY RETURNS!! AS FOR YOU, RENFREW... YOU MAY CONSIDER OUR CONTRACT...

...TERMINATED!!

LILITH! MADD MUST DIE TONIGHT!!

GET KELLY GIRLS ON LINE TWO! AT LEAST THEY GET RESULTS!

AS YOU WISH -- MASTER! A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE!

THIS IS MR. VAN HELSING OF KAZARIAN AND ASSOCIATES... BAD WEATHER HAS FORCED ME TO STAY IN LILBURN FOR THE NIGHT. BUT I SHOULD BE ARRIVING TOMORROW MORNING. MY APOLOGIES FOR THE INCONVENIENCE...

beep!

"APOLOGIES" INDEED! KAZARIAN KNOWS DAMNED WELL I AM UNABLE TO FUNCTION IN DAYLIGHT HOURS! WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO GAIN BY SUCH A DELAY?

AND WHY DOES HE SEND A STRANGER ...IN DEFIANCE OF MY INSTRUCTIONS --

DOOM DOOM

THE DOOR! BUT IF IT IS NOT THE LAWYER...

WE MUST ACT QUICKLY!!

I'M NOT SURE ANYONE'S **HOME**, GANG... DID ANY OF YOU NOTICE ANY **OTHER** CARS HERE?

NO CARS, PEGGY ...ONLY **EVIL!**

YEAH, I'M GETTING A CHILL **MYSELF**, LA PURDA.

OKAY... **ONE MORE TIME!**

DOOM DOOM

M-**MR. MADD!** YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE... UHH, WE WEREN'T **EXPECTING** YOU! SO **SOON**, I MEAN!

EEUU! CREEPSVILLE!!

SAY, I **LIKE** UNC'S TASTE IN **LINGERIE!**

WELL? MAY WE **COME IN?**

OF... OF **COURSE!**

YOUR ROOMS ARE **UPSTAIRS!**

THOU SEEMST **UNEASY**, LA PURDA.

EVIL SPIRITS HERE! VERY BAD... LA PURDA SLEEP WITH **ONE EYE OPEN** TONIGHT!

AYE! PERHAPS 'TWOULD BE WISE TO ASSIGN **WATCHES!**

LA PURDA NOT WEAR WATCH!!

I *REGRET* THAT WE'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO PREPARE *TWO* ROOMS...

I SERVE ONLY *THE COUNT*... AND HAVE COME TO THE PROPERTY ALMOST AS RECENTLY AS *YOURSELVES*.

I AM *LILITH*.

'TWILL BE *MORE* THAN SUFFICIENT, MISS...?

AND MAY HERA GRANT THIS VISIT BE OF *BRIEFEST* INTERVAL.

LILITH... THOU WERT EUGENE MADD'S *EMPLOYEE*?

WHICH WAY TO THE *TANNING* SALON?

DINNER WILL BE AT *NINE*... I LEAVE YOU NOW, TO ATTEND TO THE *OTHERS*.

HMMM... PERHAPS THIS EVENING MAY YET BE *SALVAGED*!

UH... MISS? WHY IS EVERYTHING LIT BY *CANDLES*? I *KNOW* THIS HOUSE IS WIRED FOR *ELECTRIC*...

WHEN EUGENE MADD TURNED OVER MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUSE TO THE *MAS* - I MEAN, THE *STAFF* - IT WAS DECIDED THAT *CANDLES* WOULD SAVE *MONEY*!

"*SAVE MONEY*"?? I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF *THAT*, PEGGY!

SHUT *UP*, MAX!!

IN THE HOPE THAT ALL IS *SATISFACTORY*, I LEAVE YOU NOW, TO ASSIST IN THE *COOKING*.

WHEN SHE HOLDS THAT CANDLE AT JUST THE RIGHT *ANGLE*, I *THINK* I CAN SORT OF SEE HER *NIPPLES!*

OBOY.

PARDON ME... WHERE'S YOUR *BATHROOM*? I GOTTA GO *BAD!*

JUST DOWN THE HALL... COME, I'LL SHOW YOU.

THANKS!

COZY ROOM, HUH, LA PURDA... UMM, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO SPEND THE NIGHT UP *THERE*, ARE YOU?

MAYBE. HAVE GOOD VIEW OF WHOLE ROOM... AND BACK TO -

-WALL?!

AAH, YOU'RE JUST BEIN' *PARANOID!*

I MEAN, I *KNOW* THIS HOUSE IS OLD AND *CREEPY*- LOOKING, BUT SO WAS *UNC*, AND *HE* NEVER HURT ANY -

HUH?

I THOUGHT WOMEN ONLY WENT TO THE BATHROOM TOGETHER AT *RESTAURANTS!*

BETTER GO AFTER HER, SHE'LL GET *LOST*, SURE AS... *HEY!* THIS CANDLESTICK FEELS LIKE IT'S PURE *SILVER!*

TING

BETTER *STASH* A FEW IN MY LUGGAGE, IN CASE UNC DIDN'T *LEAVE* ME ANYTHING!

LA PURDA? WHERE ARE YOU?!

HEY, C'MON, I'M *SORRY!* I DIDN'T MEAN TA CALL YA *PARANOID!*

...LA PURDA?

LA PURDA FIND *SECRET PASSAGE!*

JUST LIKE IN *MOVIES!*

HAST THOU **NOTICED**, BOMBSHELL, THAT **LA PURDA** SEEMS MOST **REMOVED** FROM HER **ELEMENT**? IN TRUTH, IF I AM CALLED UPON TO EXPLAIN THE TELLING OF TIME YET **AGAIN**...

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* THIS HOUSE DOESN'T HAVE ANY *MIRRORS*... HAVING TO USE *THIS* TEENSY THING IS THE *PITS!*

HMM... I DUNNO... PERHAPS A BIT *LOWER?*

...BUT **HOLD**. 'TIS THE SPECTRE OF THIS **HOUSE**, AND NOT MY **HEART**, THAT GUIDETH MY TONGUE. PERHAPS, IN HER SIMPLE WAY, **SHE** IS WISEST OF US ALL.

BUT WOULD SHE NOT DO WELL TO ACCEPT, AYE, AND IN FACT **EMBRACE** MODERN SOCIETY? TO **DRINK** OF THE EIGHTIES... AS I **MYSELF** HAVE DONE?

* *glurp glurp* *

YEAH... AND IF I TIP IT TO THE *LEFT*, I GET A CASUAL, *APPRAISING* LOOK!

BUT *GEE*... I DON'T WANT TO LOOK TOO *IMPOSING*...

IT HATH NOT BEEN AN **EASY** TASK, LEARNING THE WAYS OF THY PEOPLE... BUT **AMAZON** HATH OVERCOME THE BARRIERS!

PERHAPS I SHOULD SO INSTRUCT **LA PURDA?**

AYE! I SHALL TEACH HER DIALOGUES MOST **MODERN**, AND IN TOUCH WITH CONTEMPORARY **TONGUE!**

* heek! *

MAYBE IF I TILT IT TO THE *RIGHT*...?

EEUU!! HEY, *AMAZON*, DON'T YOU THINK YOU'D BETTER GO *EASY* ON THE *BOOZE?*

COME, BOMBSHELL! WE SHALL SPEAK OF **GIRLISH** MATTERS AND **MERRIMENT**, DESPITE THE GRIM **DECOR** OF OUR SHELTER! HAST THOU BROUGHT THE **MADONNA** TAPES?

I DON'T *GET* IT! NO SIGN OF L. P. ON THE WHOLE *FLOOR!*

WHY'S THIS WINDOW *BOARDED UP?**

* *YOU* KNOW WHY, DON'T YOU? ...*YOU* READ *M.M.W.W. #1*... DIDN'T YOU?

AAAH, WORRY ABOUT IT *LATER!*

MAYBE BY NOW SHE'S COME BACK!

OH, *HI,* PEGGY! YOU SEEN LA PUR -

AROOOGAH!! WHO NEEDS CANDLES?!

MAX??! DAMMIT, DON'T YOU KNOW TO *KNOCK* FIRST??

OUT! OUT!!

BUT I CAN'T FIND *LA PURDA!!*

SHE'S A *BIG GIRL,* SHE CAN TAKE CARE OF *HERSELF!*

NOW *GO AWAY!* I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S *YOUR* TURN TO GET DRESSED FOR DINNER!

BUT, *PEGGY -*

SLAMM!

CHEEZ! WOTTA *GROUCH!!*

MAXWELL MADD HAS ARRIVED... WITH AN ODD GROUP OF WOMEN!

DAMN! I DIDN'T PLAN ON KILLING HIM HERE... THERE COULD BE COMPLICATIONS!

I THINK PERHAPS A "TRAGIC ACCIDENT" IS IN ORDER FOR OUR GUESTS... WE CAN LEAVE THEIR REMAINS WRAPPED INSIDE THE VAN AT THE FOOT OF A CLIFF!

?!

WONDERFUL, MASTER!!... DOES THIS VAN HELSING WHO COMES TOMORROW HAVE THE LEGAL SKILLS TO HANDLE THE PAPERWORK?

BAH! THAT MESSAGE! I HAD FORGOTTEN!

IN TRUTH, I DO NOT KNOW THIS "VAN HELSING" WHO COMES IN KAZARIAN'S PLACE... BUT THAT NAME BODES ILL! AND HIS REFUSAL TO CONDUCT MY AFFAIRS AT NIGHT...

MASTER... WHAT IS IT? KAZARIAN WOULD NEVER DARE BETRAY YOU--

KAZARIAN IS WORSE THAN A FOOL! HE, LIKE ALL LAWYERS, IS A CLEVER FOOL... AND MUST BE REPLACED FREQUENTLY!

THEN PERHAPS VAN HELSING MIGHT SERVE AFTER ALL...

I HAVE REASON TO EXPECT DIFFICULTIES! WHY WOULD HE ALERT ME... USE HIS OWN NAME... UNLESS HE INTENDED TO CHALLENGE ME?

WELL, IT MATTERS LITTLE... YET IT IS PRECISELY THE "LITTLE" MATTERS THAT FOIL THE VISIONARY!

WE WILL MOVE ***CAUTIOUSLY,*** FOR NOW.

THEN... OUR "*GUESTS*" UPSTAIRS?

KILL THEM BY WHATEVER MEANS YOU FIND ***AMUSING,*** MY DEAR... WE'LL BOTH NEED ***NOURISHMENT*** FOR TOMORROW!

VERY GOOD, MASTER... ***OH!*** WILL ***VAN HELSING*** NOT EXPECT TO BE ***RECEIVED*** TOMORROW MORNING?

DOUBTLESS. OF COURSE, WE WILL ***NOT*** BE AVAILABLE!

ONCE THE AUTHORITIES DISCOVER THE ***BODIES,*** WE MAY EVEN TAKE POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY ***WITHOUT*** THIS "WILL" NONSENSE!

I ***OBEY,*** MASTER!

WHAT...??

PLUDD

UUFF!!

PLAP!

AaRrKk!

TOOMFF!

WHOOUUFF!

PUBLAMP!

CHWING!

* gluurkk!! *

LA PURDA HOPE VAMPIRE "AMUSED" *NOW!*

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN*, YOU CAN'T FIND *LA PURDA*??

OH, *NOW* YOU'RE CONCERNED! SEEMS TO ME YOU DIDN'T CARE *LESS* WHEN I TRIED TO TELL YOU *BEFORE*!

LOOK, YOU...

...I'VE GONE OUT OF MY WAY TO PUT UP WITH YOUR *GARBAGE* BECAUSE OF YOUR UNCLE'S *DEATH* AND ALL, BUT MY *PATIENCE* IS WEARING *THIN*!

YOUR PATIENCE?! *LADY, YOU WANNA KNOW THE MEANING OF PATIENCE*??

SHARIN' A BATHROOM WITH *FOUR WOMEN* IS *PATIENCE*! AND IF I HAFTA LISTEN TO YOU *WHINE* ABOUT LEAVIN' THE TOILET SEAT UP *ONE MORE TIME* - -

OH! MAYBE THAT'S *LA PURDA* COMING *NOW*!

CLUP CLUP CLUP

HO, WARRIORS! THE AIR IS *FESTIVE* WITH... WITH *FESTIVITY*!

EASY ON THE *WINE*, AMAZON! THAT'S YOUR *THIRD* BOTTLE!

WORRY *NOT*, BLOMSHEB! THERE'S ABUNDANCE MORE IN THE *WINE CELLAR*!

BRING THEE FORTH THE *GRUB*!!

✲ heek! ✲

DID... UH... YOU GIRLS JUST FEEL A *CHILL*?

GOOD EVENING...

...*COUNT DRACULA* BIDS YOU *WELCOME*.

OUR HOSTESS, *LILITH*, SHOULD BE JOINING US SHORTLY...

...AND I'LL *KILL* HER FOR MAKING *ME* SERVE *DINNER*!

ALLOW ME TO TENDER MY *APOLOGIES* FOR NOT HAVING PREPARED A MORE *LAVISH* REPAST...

NO APOLOGIES NECESSARY, COUNT.

"COUNT DRACULA"? SOUNDS *HUNGARIAN*... BUT HE'S SO... *PALE*... *BRRR!*

SAY, THAT LOOKS *GOOD!* TAKE A *LAMP* OR SOMETHING, COUNT... ON *ME!*

HEY... *"COUNT ON ME!"* NOT *BAD,* HUH, GIRLS?

I MAY KILL *THAT* ONE *MYSELF!*

WHOOPS! AMAZON IS *TIPSY!*

AREN'T YOU EATING WITH US, COUNT?

I AM ON A... *LIQUID* DIET, MISS GREYSTEP.

AND... WHAT WAS YOUR BUSINESS WITH *EUGENE?*

YEAH, YOU LOOK TOO *PALE* TO BE THE *YARDMAN!*

I WAS *HARDLY* IN MADD'S *"EMPLOY"*, MY FRIENDS. THE WORD IS *"CREDITOR"*! EUGENE MADD WAS IN TO ME FOR A *SIZEABLE LOAN* AT THE TIME OF HIS... *DEMISE...*

GLOMP SLORP

UH OH...

FLUTCH

YOU MAY FIND HIS ASSETS... INCLUDING THIS ESTATE... ARE ALREADY *SPOKEN* FOR!

YOU GET THIS, PEG? AFTER DINNER WE GRAB AS MUCH STUFF AS--

HUH?

LOOK!!

LA PURDA! WHAT HAPPENED?!

VAMPIRE. LA PURDA *KILL.*

HUNGRY NOW!

L-*LISTEN,* COUNT... I DON'T REALLY *KNOW* THESE GIRLS... PICKED 'EM UP *HITCHHIKING...*

OH, DELIGHTFUL.

* heek! *

* GULP! *

YES. LA PURDA SENSE EVIL, THEN VAMPIRE ***ATTACK!***

LA PURDA ***KILL*** VAMPIRE IN VALIANT STRUGGLE, END OF STORY!

MMM... CHICKEN ***GOOD!***

WELL DONE, WARRIOR!
glurggh!

WELL, WHILE IT IS MOST ***UNFORTUNATE*** YOU AND LILITH HAD A DISAGREEMENT, SHE ***IS*** QUITE ***ALIVE,*** AS YOU CAN SEE!

HZZZ!

HZZT!

HOW MANY TIMES LA PURDA HAVE TO KILL YOU?!

GRRAARR!

LADIES, ***PLEASE!*** THERE APPEARS TO BE A ***MISUNDERSTANDING!***

OF ***COURSE*** LILITH IS NOT A VAMPIRE... SHE IS MERELY ***OVEREXUBERANT.*** BY BESTING LA PURDA, SHE OBVIOUSLY HOPED TO WIN A SPOT IN YOUR "WRESTLING WOMEN" GROUP.

THE "***CHALLENGE***" ***IS*** THE ACCEPTED PROCEDURE FOR AUDITIONS ON ***TELEVISION,*** IS IT NOT?

NOW, APOLOGIZE TO LA PURDA, LILITH. TELL HER YOU'RE SORRY.

I AM SORRY I TRIED TO KILL YOU AND FAILED!

THERE. ALL BETTER.

THIS WAY, MY DEAR.

Y'KNOW, SHE MIGHT BE ***GOOD*** FOR YOUR GROUP, PEG... GET A LITTLE "***KINK***" APPEAL IN THERE!

LET ME KILL HER, MASTER! WE WILL SHARE HER BLOOD!

I'M GLAD ***YOU'RE*** NOT RUNNING OUR TROUPE, MAX!

I'M SERIOUS, PEGGY... IF WE DID HER UP IN LEATHER AND CHAINS, AND A WHIP - -

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU THINK!!

THY **WOUNDS** LOOK **GRIEVOUS**... ART THOU **SURE** THOU ART WELL?

YES... BUT LA PURDA NOT TELL **WHOLE** STORY!

WHAT?? WHAT COULD BE WORSE THAN A **VAMPIRE?!**

TWO VAMPIRES... DRACULA **AND** WOMAN! WANT THEM TO THINK LA PURDA NOT **KNOW** THIS... STALL FOR **TIME!!**

GREAT **DANGER** HERE! WE **NOT** STAY!!

I'LL SECOND **THAT!** I DON'T CARE **HOW** MUCH MONEY IS IN-VOLVED!!

FINE! YOU BIMBOS DO WHAT YOU **WANT**... **I'VE** GOT AN **INHERITANCE** TO CLAIM EVEN IF I HAVE TO **STRIP** THIS PLACE **BARE** TO GET IT!

FWUMP!

GOOD! HAVE A NICE **OBITUARY,** MAX!!

LA PURDA... **ASHAMED!**

WHY SAYEST THOU **THAT?**

...WE **WARRIORS!** WE AFRAID, WITH OUR NUMBER, WHERE ONE LONE SCRAWNY **WEAKLING** IS **NOT?**

WHY **THANKS,** LA PURDA, I... **WHAT??!**

AYE, LET THEM **COME! ALIVE** OR **UNDEAD,** THEY'LL MEET THEIR **MATCH!!**

WE'LL SHOW 'EM!

KREEEGAAH!!

UH... A-ALL KIDDING ASIDE... YOU DON'T **REALLY** THINK THERE'LL BE **TROUBLE,** DO YOU??

✲aak!✲ MASTER! NO!!

SILENCE!!

WHEN I ALLOWED YOU TO "DO WHAT YOU WANTED" WITH THE WOMEN, I DID **NOT** INCLUDE LETTING ONE **ESCAPE** TO WARN THE **OTHERS**!!

Y-**YES**, MASTER! I WILL NOT FAIL YOU **AGAIN**!!

OH, MOST **ASSUREDLY**!

IT IS **FORTUNATE** A VAMPIRE CANNOT BE DESTROYED BY A MERE **TIN KNIFE**...

...A **WOODEN STAKE** IS FAR MORE **EFFECTIVE**!!

MASTER! NO!!

NOOOOOOO

THAT **SCREAM! ANGUISH** FROM THE LOWER DEPTHS...

♫ GEE... MUST BE FROM THE *BASEMENT*! ♫

HOLD **NOTHING** BACK, GANG! THIS COULD BE WORSE THAN A **CAGE MATCH**!!

FOOLS!
YOU HAVE COME HERE... WHEN YOU MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED WITH YOUR LIVES!!
THEN DIE THIS NIGHT AT THE HANDS OF COUNT DRACULA... LORD OF THE UNDEAD!!

YOU... *IMPALED* HER! WHAT KIND OF - OF *MONSTER* ARE YOU?!

THIS WAS HER *OWN* DOING, MISS GREYSTEP!

MY GOD! HER *CORPSE*... TURNING TO - -

- - *DUST*, MISS GREYSTEP...

...THE *LAST SOLACE* FOR THOSE WHO DWELL IN *SHADOW!*

DUST?...

LOOK INTO MY *EYES*... AND INTO THE *LIGHT!!*

BUT *WAIT!* THERE IS AN *ENEMY*... ONE WHO *PULLS* YOU INTO THE *DARKNESS!* HIS NAME IS *MAXWELL MADD!*

HE HAS KILLED HIS *UNCLE*... MURDERED *LILITH*... AND SEEKS *OUR* DEATHS AS WELL! HE MUST *DIE* BEFORE HE KILLS *AGAIN!*

MAXWELL

MADD

MUST

DIE!!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

WE MUST KILL MAXWELL MADD!

AW NO! EVEN YOU GIRLS AREN'T LOOPY ENOUGH TO FALL FOR THE OLD HYPNO-EYE TRICK...?

WHAT AM I SAYING? ...OF COURSE THEY ARE!

IT'S NOT HARD TO FIGURE OUT DRAC'S PLAN HERE...

THE GIRLS KILL ME... HE INHERITS THE HOUSE... AND THE GIRLS TAKE THE RAP!

SLAMM!

✲ whew!! ✲ FORTUNATELY I CAN LOCK 'EM OUT 'TIL I THINK UP A PLAN - -

HAIIIEEE!!

KRASMASSH!!!

GYAAAH!!

DIDN'T THINK PEGGY'D LEARNED THAT MUCH IN TAE KWON DO CLASS!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE US, MADD!

IF I CAN GET TO THE FRONT DOOR - -

✲!!@?#! LOCKED! OF COURSE...

SURRENDER NOW AND WE WILL GRANT THEE A QUICK AND PAINLESS DEATH!

gupp gupp*

IF I INHERIT THIS PLACE I'M HAVIN' **ELEVATORS** PUT IN!

*gupp*gaff!*

HA! WE'VE TRAPPED HIM UPSTAIRS!

HE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN **FAR!** CHECK ALL THE ROOMS... **LA PURDA**, START WITH **OURS!**

OKAY... BUT LA PURDA NOT SEE HOW THIS **HELP!**

sigh I MEANT **SEARCH** THE ROOM!

GOOD! NOT ENOUGH INK IN MARKER FOR ALL ROOMS **ANYWAY!**

HMMM... MAX KNOW ABOUT **SECRET PASSAGE** LA PURDA FIND?

OH **HO!** LA PURDA HEAR SOMEONE IN **CLOSET!**

CLUNK!

PAMP PAMP

MAX? IF YOU IN HERE, COME OUT SO LA PURDA CAN **KILL YOU!**

OH! ARE **YOU** LOOKING FOR THAT **HORRIBLE** MR. MADD **TOO?**

WAMP!

I'M **FRIGHTFULLY** SORRY! ARE YOU **ALL RIGHT**, DEAR?

STRADGE WOBAN HURT LA PURDA'S DOZE!

AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN PROPERLY **INTRODUCED!** MY NAME'S ...uhhh... **DRACULINA!** YEAH!

HMMM...

OH, **YOU** KNOW... WE WOMEN ARE BETTER NOT SEEN OR HEARD... JUST LIKE DEAR HUBBY **DRAC** SAYS!

BETTER NOT SEEN OR HEARD??

CERTAINLY! AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE? DRACULA SAYS - -

LA PURDA NOT CARE WHAT "DRACULA SAYS"!

...LA PURDA **SUSPICIOUS!** WHY WE NOT MEET BEFORE NOW?

OH? AND **WHO** TOLD YOU TO KILL MAXWELL MADD?

WE TRICKED!!

MY... AMERICAN WOMEN ARE **SOOO** ASTUTE!

WAIT... YOU **MAX!**

AND **YOU** WERE **HYPNOTIZED!** AND WHEN **PEGGY** AND THE OTHERS FIND OUT YOU'RE NOT **WITH** 'EM ANYMORE - -

OTHERS COME TO DOOR SOON... WE ESCAPE BY **WINDOW!**

HEY **C'MON,** L.P.... I'M IN MY **UNDERWEAR** HERE!

MAX COME NOW!!

GEEEZ!!

TREES BRAKE **FALL!**

YEAH, IF THEY DON'T BREAK **NECK** FIRST!!

YOU **ALREADY** FIND US?!

AFTER I SENSED YOU'D **BROKEN** MY SPELL, THERE WAS LITTLE EFFORT IN ANTICIPATING YOUR **ESCAPE!** ***...OUR SUSPICIONS WERE CORRECT, GIRLS!...***

YOWCH!

BUSTED MY BUTT AGAIN!!

...LA PURDA IS IN LEAGUE WITH ***HIM!*** THEY ARE ***BOTH*** OUR ***ENEMIES...***

...THEY BOTH MUST DIE!

JEEPERS! WE HAVE TO KILL *TWO* PEOPLE NOW?! THIS IS A LOT OF *WORK*!!

EVEN ***HYPNOTIZED***, BOMBSHELL ***LAZY - -***

WHOOPS!

BACKSTABBER!!

WAIT! DRACULA ***HYPNOTIZE!*** ***LA PURDA*** BREAK SPELL... ***AMAZON*** CAN ***TOO***... AND ***PEGGY***... AND ***BOMBSHELL***...

...MAYBE NOT ***BOMBSHELL***...

OUR ***MASTER*** HATH ORDERED THY ***DEATH!***...

...BUT ***AMAZON*** CANNOT COMPLY... ***NO HONOR*** IN THREE AGAINST ONE...

I SEE. YOU ARE INCAPABLE OF VIOLATING YOUR ***WARRIOR'S CODE*** EVEN IN YOUR... ***PRESENT STATE.***

AYE.

VERY WELL. GO AND ELIMINATE MAXWELL MADD WITH ONE ARM AND ONE LEG TIED BEHIND YOUR BACK.

DONE, MASTER!

HA! LA PURDA ***ESCAPE!***

*oooh**

BLONDE BOMBSHELL ***KNOCKED OUT!*** NOW ONLY HAVE TO FIGHT ***PEG - -***

UUUFF!!

WHAT'S **WRONG**, DEAR? IS THE TASK LESS **SIMPLE** THAN YOU IMAGINED?

PEGGY HAVE TO **FIGHT** SPELL!

TRAITOR!

LET'S SEE... **DRACULA NOT VOTE FOR E.R.A.!** HIM **WIFE BEATER**... AM I GETTING THROUGH?

RRRAAHR!

I TOOK YOU INTO MY WORLD... TRAINED YOU TO EARN A **LIVING**... AND YOU AND THAT **MALE SCUM** TRIED TO **KILL** US!!

MY GOD, YOU'VE ALREADY KILLED **EUGENE!**

I HOPE IT **HURTS**, LA PURDA!

PEGGY **DISTRACTED**... OR MAYBE TRYING TO BREAK SPELL! HAVE TO MOVE...

DRACULA SEE "PORKY'S" **THREE TIMES!** HE - -

AAARRGH!

PULL MY LEG, ANIMAL... AND I'LL PULL **YOURS!**

NOW!

IF PEGGY **BELIEVE** THOSE THINGS, WHY YOU NOT **BREAK LEG?**

EVEN **NOW** YOU TRY TO **TRICK** ME?! HAVE YOU NO **REMORSE**??!

MEANWHILE...

COME **BACK** HERE, MAX!!

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK THIS IS **REAL FUNNY**, DRAC!

OF *COURSE* SHE TRIED TO TRICK YOU, PEGGY...

...JUST AS *EVERYONE* YOU EVER TRUSTED! EVERYONE EXCEPT *EUGENE MADD*... A *KINDLY* IF SOMEWHAT *KINKY* OLD MAN YOU BARELY *KNEW*!

SO THEY *KILLED* HIM... FOR COMMITING THE UNPARDONABLE *CRIME*...

...OF TRYING TO *HELP* YOU!

MURDERING WITCH!!

DRACULA *LIE*! PEGGY *NOT LISTEN*!

NO, PEGGY! HE--

ULPH!!

HAAARRRGHH!

ALMOST... REACHED HER... NOW SHE *WORSE THAN EVER*!

WHAT *HAPPEN* TO PEGGY TO MAKE HER THIS *ANGRY*?

MUST TRY... ONCE MORE!

PEGGY... JUST *LISTEN!*

NO!!

OH DEAR. THAT LOOKED *PAINFUL.*

YOU LISTEN! IF *VIOLENCE* IS ALL YOU UNDERSTAND, I'LL *GIVE* IT TO YOU!

CHOP!

MY, YOU'RE DOING *WELL,* PEGGY!

SO MUCH *HATRED* IN SUCH A PRETTY *PACKAGE...* WHY, YOUR *VICIOUSNESS* COULD RIVAL MY *OWN!* HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA

LA PURDA... NOT DIE LIKE... *THIS...*

...NOT AT HANDS... OF *FRIEND!*

DELICIOUS, ISN'T IT, MY DEAR... THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU HOLD YOUR VICTIM'S LIFE IN YOUR HANDS...SAVOR HER TERROR...

I...

BUT THERE WILL BE OTHER MOMENTS, PEGGY ...FOR NOW YOUR MASTER ORDERS THE DEATH OF LA PURDA!

MASTER?... I...

WHY DO YOU HESITATE?!

KILL HER!

KILL HER!!

KILL HURRGHH!!

MAXWELL MADD! YOU DID THIS TO ME?!

I SHALL NOT UNDERESTIMATE YOU AGAIN...

OH MY G-- LA PURDA!! WHAT AM I DOING? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, LA PURDA?!

I JUST PICKED UP THE FIRST THING I COULD FIND...

ZOUNDS! WHAT VILLAIN HATH CAUSED AMAZON TO BE TRUSSED THUS?

OOH... WHAT HIT ME?

C'MON, C'MON... SKIP THE LEGAL JAZZ 'N' TELL ME WHAT I GOT!

IT'S NOT QUITE THAT SIMPLE, MR. MADD... THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CODICILS AND STIPULATIONS...

SOUNDS LIKE MAX WILL HAVE TO EARN HIS MONEY!

THAT'S NOT FAR OFF THE MARK, MISS GREYSTEP!

WHAT???

PIPE DOWN, MAX! I'M SURE MR. ...VAN HELSING, DID YOU SAY? ...IS ABOUT TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING!

WELL, THIS IS AN EXTREMELY COMPLEX WILL, BUT TO BREAK IT DOWN TO LAYMAN'S TERMS: BASICALLY, EUGENE WANTED HIS WRESTLING WOMEN'S TROUPE TO CONTINUE EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH.

HIS ESTATE SETS UP A TRUST FUND TO COVER A MODEST BUT LIVEABLE STIPEND FOR EACH OF YOU IN THE HOPE THAT HIS NEPHEW MAXWELL WILL MANAGE THE TROUPE AND BECOME A RESPONSIBLE PERSON - -

HA! EUGENE EXPECTETH MIRACLES INDEED!

♫ MAX? A RESPONSIBLE PERSON?! ♫

kee hee!!

IF I MAY BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE - -

LAUGH IT UP, HAH, LADIES? WELL, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MISS SMARTY BRITCHES, I HAVEN'T AGREED TO ANY OF THIS!!

WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE THAT OPTION, MR. MADD... BUT IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL BE CUT OUT OF THE WILL!

ALL RIGHT... HOW DOES IT WORK?

OKAY. YOU HAVE **FIVE YEARS** TO MAKE THIS TROUPE A SELF-SUPPORTING, **PROFITABLE** OPERATION. **SUCCEED**, AND YOU INHERIT THE BULK OF THE ESTATE, LEAVING THE **BUSINESS** IN THE HANDS OF **PEGGY GREYSTEP**.

AND IF THE BUSINESS **LOSES** MONEY?

YOU GET **ZIP**... AND **DRACULA** INHERITS YOUR SHARE.

WHAT?! WHAT'S **HE** GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING?!

I'M CURIOUS ABOUT DRACULA'S INVOLVEMENT **MYSELF**, MR. VAN HELSING.

AS FAR AS I CAN GATHER FROM THE INFORMATION I GOT WHEN I... **TOOK OVER** THE HANDLING OF THE ESTATE FROM MR. KAZARIAN, DRACULA HAD INSINUATED HIMSELF INTO EUGENE'S AFFAIRS ABOUT TWO, TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO. EUGENE STARTED TO GO INTO **SECLUSION**, WHILE *"MR. ALUCARD"* ACTED MORE AND MORE ON HIS **BEHALF**, UNTIL FINALLY IT BECAME VIRTUALLY **IMPOSSIBLE** TO DEAL WITH EUGENE **DIRECTLY**.

YEAH, BUT DRACULA'S **DEAD!**

AND SPEAKING OF **THAT**... I GATHER IT WAS **YOUR** CREW THAT STUCK THAT **STAKE** THROUGH HIM?

I'M NOT SAYIN' A **WORD** 'TIL I SEE MY **LAWYER!**

I **AM** YOUR LAWYER, YOU IDIOT!!

OH... WELL, MAYBE WE **DID**, MAYBE WE **DIDN'T!** *hmmph!*

YES, AND **MAYBE** YOU NEGLECTED TO CUT OFF HIS **HEAD**, AND **MAYBE** HE'LL **RETURN** FROM DEATH AND **MAYBE** DO HIS LEVEL BEST TO **SEE** TO IT THAT YOU AND THESE LADIES DON'T **SURVIVE** THE NEXT FIVE YEARS!

EEUUKK!!

...GET THE **PICTURE**, MR. MADD?

CUT OFF HIS **HEAD**? ...THE MAN TURNED TO **DUST**... **DIDN'T** HE?

I GUESS IF I DIE, THEN **DRACULA** GETS THE ESTATE?

ABSOLUTELY.

FIGURES.

HOW IS IT **YOU'RE** SO FAMILIAR WITH THIS **DRACULA** BUSINESS, MR. VAN HELSING?

IT'S A... **FAMILY** MATTER, MISS GREYSTEP... JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT.

SUPPOSE I'LL **HAVE** TO... FOR NOW...

...IN THE *MEANTIME*, GIRLS, WE APPEAR TO BE WORKING FOR *MAX* NOW!

WELL... A PAYCHECK ♫ ♪ IS A PAYCHECK...

AMAZON FINDS THIS ENTIRE SITUATION MOST *DIFFICULT* TO COMPREHEND!

ME *TOO*, AMAZON... HOW MUCH MONEY *ARE* WE TALKIN' *ANYWAY*?

OH, THE PART *YOU'LL* INHERIT?

...ONLY ABOUT *FIVE MILLION* DOLLARS.

KREEGAH!

THAT BUY *THIRTY MILLION BANANAS!*

WOTTA *LOOPY* DEVELOPMENT!

♫ Y'*KNOW*, MAX...

♫ ...WITH FIVE MILLION BUCKS EVEN *YOU* WOULDN'T BE SO ♪ *OBNOXIOUS!*

LOOK, MR. MADD... I REALIZE THIS HAS BEEN A *GREAT DEAL* TO TAKE IN ALL AT ONCE, AND I *KNOW* NONE OF YOU ARE EAGER TO REMAIN IN THIS *HOUSE*.

HERE'S ALL THE NECESSARY *PAPER-WORK*. GO OVER IT, AND *CALL* ME IF YOU HAVE ANY *QUESTIONS*.

WELL, MAX?

PEGGY?

VAN HELSING'S *RIGHT*. YOU HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO *THINK* ABOUT. WE ALL *DO*, I SUPPOSE...

...BUT I'D SUGGEST YOU GET A *SECOND* ATTORNEY'S OPINION ON THAT *WILL*.

Wrestlin' Wagon

DEFINITELY! JUST 'CAUSE *I* CAN'T MAKE HEADS OR TAILS OF IT DOESN'T MEAN I TRUST *VAN HELSING!*

I MEAN, COME *ON*... THERE'S A *SCAM* HERE SOMEWHERE! *WHY* WOULD MY UNCLE GIVE SOMEONE LIKE *DRACULA* HIS FORTUNE?

LA PURDA KNOW... *BLACKMAIL BEYOND GRAVE*...

...*30 MILLION BANANAS* WORTH!

OH! NOW THAT *IS* CREEPY!